



Wisconsin Council on Special Education Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2021

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Department of Public Instruction, Virtual Meeting

Meeting #331

Business Meeting #331: Meeting called to order at 10:02 am. 14 of 26 council members attended. Quorum was met. Votes for minutes from March 2021, June 2021, and council chair and co-chair were taken. Minutes were approved without discussion or requests for amendments. Judy Conlin and Hugh Davis were both voted to co-chair the 2021-2022 council year.

Council Attendance: Lama Bergstrand Othman, Loucricia Carson, Judy Conlin, Hugh Davis, Daysi Jimenez, Michelle Johnson, Lisa Misco, Tynetta Oliver, Jason Rahn, Deb Rathermel, Lisa Stewart, Nicole Vander Meullen, Carla Witkowski, Sara Zwiefelhofer

DPI Attendance: Julia Hartwig, Daniel Parker, Courtney Reed-Jenkins, Lynn Wynn, Ryan McNamara, Jennifer Bibler, Jayne Bischof, Rachel Fregien, Iris Jacobson, Carolyn Kiefer, Mai Choua Thaw, Seth Bishop, Rita Fuller

I. Welcome

- a. The council chair called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

II. Review Minutes of Meeting #329 and #330

- a. Minutes were reviewed by council with no request for revisions. Quorum was met with 14 members present.
 - The chair entertained a motion to approve meeting minutes #330. Judy Conlin motioned to approve the minutes. Michelle Johnson seconded the motion. The council voted to approve minutes from meeting #330 as written and without revisions.
 - The chair entertained a motion to approve meeting minutes #329. Deb Rathermel motioned to approve the minutes. Carla Witkowski seconded the motion. The council voted and approved meeting minutes #329 as written and without revisions.

III. Correspondence/Chairperson's Report

- a. Chair's Annual Report is postponed to December's council meeting
 - i. The report will be emailed to council once completed and submitted to the State Superintendent.
- b. Review Public Forum Dates and Process

- i. The Fall's virtual public forum listening session is October 13 from 5:00 to 6:30. All council members are expected to attend and take notes. Online written comments form will be open from October 11 to October 18.
 - c. Council Nominations for Chair and Co-Chair Vote
 - i. The council entertained a motion to vote on council chairs for the 2021-2022 year. Lisa Misco motioned to approve as co-chairs. Deb Rathermel seconded the motion. The council voted to approve the chairs. There was no discussion. This change took place immediately.
 - d. IDEA Complaint and Due Process Hearing Findings & Decisions
 - i. Council reviewed the complaint data and issues. Ryan McNamara provided context around the complaint trend being down 50% since the beginning of the pandemic. A council member commented on the new format for complaints.
 - e. Announcements
 - i. Next council meeting date (December 3, 2021)
 - f. Special Education Team Director's Report
 - i. Special Education Team's Director Julia Hartwig provided an update report on staffing, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), Department of Public Instruction (DPI) federal and state grants, and DPI Bulletins & Guidance in an online format. The report can be viewed [here](#).

IV. Special Report: Stakeholder Input on Wisconsin's State Performance Plan, 2020-25- Indicators 5, 6, 8 and Debrief

- a. Courtney Jenkins, Seth Bishop, and other DPI consultants provided an overview of Indicators 5 to assist council and the public to assist in providing input on State Performance Plan target setting for students in early childhood thru age 21 as part of Wisconsin's State Performance Plan for 2020-2025.
- b. Information about target setting for the indicator, including links to information shared at the council meeting, can be found on the Wisconsin DPI web page asking stakeholders [How well is Wisconsin preparing students with individualized education programs \(IEPs\) for life after high school?](#)
- c. Council members and members of the public were broken into virtual breakout rooms to share and discuss ideas presented based on the Indicator 5 presentation.
- d. Council members and members of the public provided feedback on Indicators 5 via a Google form. This form is available on the Wisconsin DPI web page listed in these minutes and feedback can be provided into the 2021-2022 school year.
- e. [Indicator 5 Survey](#)

V. Lunch

VI. Special Report: Stakeholder Input on Wisconsin's State Performance Plan, 2020-25 – Indicators 6, 8 and Debrief

- a. Overview presentations on DPI discretionary grants, including Universal Design for Learning, Early Childhood, Research to Practice Inclusive Communities, Assistive Technology, Emotional Sensory Learning, and Family Engagement. Council members and the public provided values-based feedback to support setting targets.
- b. Council members and members of the public were able to ask questions of the presenters and provided feedback on Indicators 6 and 8 via a Google form. This form is available on the Wisconsin DPI web page listed in these minutes and feedback can be provided into the 2021-2022 school year.
- c. Additional opportunities to provide input into Wisconsin's State Performance Plan target setting will take place at the next council meeting in December for 2021. More information on these presentations and council and public feedback can be found on the [Wisconsin DPI State Performance Plan 2020-2025 web page](#).
- d. [Indicator 6 Survey](#)
- e. [Indicator 8 survey](#)

VII. **Adjournment**

The council chair motioned to adjourn. The council seconded to adjourn and voted to end the meeting 2:53 PM and attendees were asked to complete surveys with the remaining minutes of the meeting.